State Government of Uttar Pradesh is seized of the problem.

Effect of smuggling of sophisticated weapons into the country on law and order situation

1026. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late the law and order situation in the country in different States has been adversely affected due to smuggling in of AK-47 Rifles, etc. which are being frequently used by the terrorist and extremist groups;

(b) if so, what efforts are being made to prevent the smuggling of such lethal weapons into the country;

(c) what is the *modus operandi* of smuggling of these items into the country; and

(d) what strategy has been adopted to check; smuggling of such sophisticated weapons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Government have no information that the law and order situation is adversely affected due to smuggling of AK-47 Rifles etc. in the country as a whole. Most of the reports concerning use of AK-47 Rifles are emanating from Punjab. The BSF who are guarding Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh borders are fully on vigil against attempts to smuggle such weapons into the country. Steps have been taken to strengthen the BSF as well as other infrastructure for preventing infilteration, smuggling etc. through the border.

Irrigation Projects on Orissa and Andhra Pradesh Border

1027. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the medium and major irrigation projects on Orissa and Andhra Pradesh border;

(b) whether his Ministry is aware of the lack of cooperation between the Andhra Pradesh and Orissa Governments in bearing the maintenance cost of these projects; and

(c) whether any guidelines/directives have been issued or are proposed to be issued by the Central Government to the Andhra Pradesh to help the Orissa Government in meeting the cost of maintenance of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) No major or medium project has been completed on the Orissa-Andhra Pradesh border. As such sharing of maintenance cost of such project does not arise.

Sale of surplus land by NTC Mills for Modernisation purposes

1028. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted the NTC mills to sell their surplus land for raising funds for the modernisation of its mills; and

(b) what are the details of such permission already given or being contemplated, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) Government have permitted NTC mills located all over the country to